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(*b*) if the answer is in the negative, whether it is a fact that the present Deputy President has been allowed to draw daily allowance?

A.—(*a*) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai Avargal, C.I.E., drew daily allowance for attending the meetings of the Legislative Council while he was Deputy President of the first and second Legislative Councils. Mrs. S. Muthulakshmi Reddi did not draw daily allowance while she was Deputy President.

(*b*) The present Deputy President has been permitted to draw daily allowance.

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"May I know, Sir, whether the hon. the Deputy President sent up a bill for drawing an allowance ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"The case was brought to the notice of the Government by the Secretary of the Legislative Council."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"May I know, Sir, having regard to the retrenchment that is going on, whether it is necessary that the hon. the Deputy President should be allowed daily allowance along with his pay ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"The Government have very recently decided the question, Sir, and no further action is needed."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"May I know whether this matter is receiving the attention of the hon. the Finance Member ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"I think the hon. the Finance Member has also seen the case.

[For further list of starred questions, please see page 525 infra.]

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Industries

Scholarships awarded for study in the Bombay Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute.

601 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) if any scholarships have been recently awarded for study in the Bombay Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute;

(*b*) if so, how many of these scholarships were granted and to what communities the scholarship-holders belong; and

(*c*) whether there are any Viswabrahmanas in that list?

A.—(a) & (b) 28, *from* 1926 *to* 1930 *both years inclusive.* The awardees are—

Non-Brahman Hindus	13
Muhammadans	3
Brahmans	7
Indian Christians	3
Depressed classes	2

No scholarships were granted this year owing to financial stringency.

(c) Not as far as could be ascertained.

Forest Panchayats

Legislation to secure legal status for forest panchayats.

602 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state when the Government propose to legislate for conferring legal status on forest panchayats?

A.—The Government see no need to undertake such legislation at present.

[For further list of unstarred questions, please see page 535 infra.]

STARRED QUESTIONS

Excise

Closure of the toddy and arrack shops in Konganapuram, Salem district.

* 603 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Goundar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Commissioner of Excise has received a mahazar from the people of Konganapuram of Tiruchengode taluk of Salem district requesting the closure of the toddy and arrack shops in their place;

(b) what action the Commissioner of Excise has taken over the matter;

(c) whether the Government have received representations that the toddy shop in the said place is situated on the public local fund road, and is a hindrance and danger to the travelling public; and

(d) what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) to (d) A copy of a mahazar, dated 17th August 1931, addressed by the people of Konganapuram mitta to the Commissioner of Excise with an unsigned endorsement, and a letter, dated 22nd September and a telegram dated 26th September from the hon. Member on the subject of the closure of the arrack and toddy shops at Konganapuram, were received by the Government. The letter and the telegram were sent to the Commissioner of Excise. The Commissioner is being asked to report what action he took in the matter.